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Re: U.S. Non-Provisional Utility Patent Application  
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For: **Method and System for Down-Converting an Electromagnetic Signal, Transforms for Same, and Aperture Relationships**  
Inventors: Sorrells *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1744.0010009

Sir:

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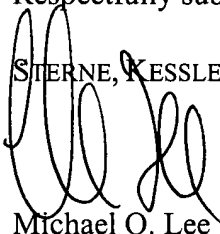
1. Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 listing and accompanied by fifteen (15) documents; and
3. One return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents and returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

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### Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98.

Applicants have listed publication dates on the attached PTO-1449 based on information presently available to the undersigned. However, the listed publication dates should not be construed as an admission that the information was actually published on the date indicated.

Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

Applicants provide the following comments regarding the documents:

Document AH48 was cited by an Examiner in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/293,283, filed April 16, 1999, entitled "Integrated Frequency Translation and

Selectivity with a Variety of Filter Embodiments," directed to related subject matter. Also cited by said Examiner was U.S. Patent No. 5,126,682, which was cited in the present application in the Information Disclosure Statement, filed September 14, 2001, and U.S. Patent No. 6,049,706, which was cited in the present application in the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, filed May 14, 2002.

Document AG48 was cited by an Examiner in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/476,091, filed January 3, 2000, entitled "Image-Reject Down-Converter and Embodiments Thereof, Such as the Family Radio Service," directed to related subject matter. Also cited by said Examiner was U.S. Patent No. 5,901,349, which was cited in the present application in the Information Disclosure Statement, filed September 14, 2001.

Documents AI48 and AA49 were cited by an Examiner in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/567,963, filed May 10, 2000, entitled "Frequency Synthesizer Using Universal Frequency Translation Technology," directed to related subject matter.

Document AB49 is a co-owned patent which is directed to related technical subject matter.

Document AC49 was cited by an Examiner in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/289,675, filed January 24, 2000, entitled "Bar Code Scanner Using Universal Frequency Translation Technology for Up-Conversion and Down-Conversion," directed to related subject matter

Document AD49 is a copy of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/293,095, filed April 16, 1999, entitled "Method and System for Down-Converting an Electromagnetic Signal Having Optimized Switch Structures," directed to related subject matter. In the copy provided, the claims are shown as allowed on July 1, 2002.

Document AE49 is a copy of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/293,342, filed April 16, 1999, entitled "Method and System for Down-Converting an Electromagnetic Signal Including Resonant Structures for Enhanced Energy Transfer," directed to related subject matter. In the copy provided, the claims are shown as amended on February 4, 2002.

Document AF49 is a copy of co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/550,642, filed April 14, 2000, entitled "Method and System for Down-Converting an Electromagnetic Signal, and Transforms for Same," directed to related subject matter.

Documents AG49-AI49 and AA50-AC50 were cited by an Examiner in co-pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/476,092, filed January 3, 2000, entitled "Analog Zero IF FM Decoder and Embodiments Thereof, Such as the Family Radio Service," directed to related subject matter

It is noted that some of these documents could be classified in more than one of the above categories.

This statement should not be construed as a representation that information more material to the examination of the present patent application does not exist. The Examiner is specifically requested not to rely solely on the material submitted herewith.

Applicants have checked the appropriate boxes below.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing of a first action on the merits. No statement or fee is required.
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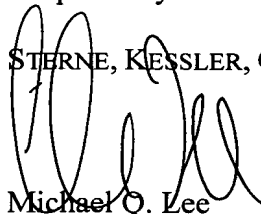
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- ☐ 5. Concise explanations of the relevance of the non-English language documents appears below:
- ☐ 6. Copies of the documents were cited by or submitted to the Office in an IDS that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)-(c) in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed \_\_\_\_\_, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120. Thus, copies of these documents are not attached. 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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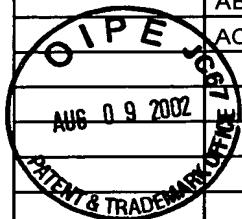
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